



## For the Period May 10 to 16, 2011

Twenty-three per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five year (2006-2010) average for this time of year is approximately 44 per cent seeded.

Significant seeding progress was made in western regions during the past week. Producers in the eastern regions are just starting to get into their fields.

The southeast is reporting eight per cent seeded, the southwest 36 per cent, the east-central 11 per cent, the west-central 30 per cent, the northeast 14 per cent and the northwest 41 per cent.

Across the province, 46 per cent of the field peas, 35 per cent of the lentils, 28 per cent of the durum, 22 per cent of the spring wheat and 20 per cent of the canola has been seeded.

Many crop reporters are indicating that fields are very wet, especially in the eastern regions of the province.

Cropland topsoil moisture across the province is rated as 36 per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate and two per cent dry. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, calving, hauling cattle to pasture and controlling weeds.

### Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The region reported more rain earlier this week, with some areas receiving up to 50 mm. Although some producers were able to start seeding this past week due a break in the rain, the majority of the producers in the region continue to be delayed. Those who are able to get onto the land are getting stuck. Access to fields is a major issue as roads are washed out, flooded or very soft. Crop reporters have indicated a few farmers are trying alternative seeding methods such as broadcast and harrow. Eight per cent of the 2011 crop has been seeded. Producers in crop districts (CD) 2B and 3ASE are the most advanced in the region, with 16 and 13 per cent seeded, respectively. Producers in CDs 1A, 1B and 2A have just started seeding. Seventeen per cent of the lentils, 11 per cent

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of the canola, eight per cent of the durum and seven per cent of the peas have been seeded.

Field work and seeding has yet to start in some areas. Farm yards, corrals and livestock wintering grounds are still completely or partially flooded, causing difficulties in feeding cattle and maneuvering equipment. Rural municipalities are busy repairing roads that were cut or washed out. The region received a significant amount of snow during the winter, and some areas received as a significant amount of wet snow and rain this spring as well, which has prevented most field work to date. Pastures are flooded in many areas. Some fields in crop districts 2B and 3ASE can be seeded as they were missed by the heavier rains that fell further east.

The Tantallon and Whitewood areas received 50 mm of rain, the Frobisher, Broadview and Radville areas received 42, the Weyburn area 49 mm and the Indian Head area 25 mm. Some reporters have recorded up to 165 mm of precipitation since April 1.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland and hay land are rated as 66 per cent surplus and 34 per cent adequate.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery, fixing fences and seeding.

#### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Producers in the southwest made significant seeding progress this past week and have 36 per cent of the 2011 crop seeded. Fifty-six per cent of the field peas, 53 per cent of the lentils, 42 per cent of the canola, 36 per cent of the durum and 26 per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded. Early seeded crops are starting to emerge. Crop reporters have indicated there are some producers who have yet to start seeding due to very wet field conditions. High winds gusting up to 90 km per hour in some areas halted weed control operations for a couple days. Reporters have indicated there are a few areas in which seeding is 40 to 50 per cent complete. Most producers were able to get into the fields to do some pre-seeding work. Moisture conditions vary from field to field. Some areas have good seeding conditions, while other areas are still too wet, and others could use a little rain shower.

<b>Southeastern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>% seeded (May 16, 2011)</b>
1A	4
1B	3
2A	3
2B	16
3ASE	13
<b>Region average</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>five-year average (2006-2010)</b>	<b>47</b>

<b>Southwestern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>% Seeded (May 16, 2011)</b>
3ASW	18
3AN	35
3BS	31
3BN	59
4A	16
4B	36
<b>region average</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>five-year average (2006- 2010)</b>	<b>62</b>

Crop District 3ASW received rain, while the rest of the region received only trace amounts. The Big Beaver area reported 44 mm, the Bengough area 28 mm, the Assiniboia area 20 mm, the Spring Valley and Cadillac areas 4 mm. Access to fields is difficult in some areas due to impassable roads.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 22 per cent surplus and 78 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and three per cent dry.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

#### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

Producers in parts of the east-central region that did not receive rain made some seeding progress. Eleven per cent of the 2011 crop is seeded. Most of crop districts 5B and 6A missed the rain. Seeding progress varies among crop districts. CD 6A is furthest advanced, with 21 per cent seeded. Fields are wet in this region, but for the most part are able to support machinery. Thirty-four per cent of the field peas, 20 per cent of the lentils, 12 per cent of the canola and durum and seven per cent of the spring wheat have been seeded.

<b>East-central Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>% Seeded (May 16, 2011)</b>
5A	8
5B	3
6A	21
<b>region average</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>five-year average (2006-2010)</b>	<b>30</b>

Crop District 5A received up to 43 mm of rain. The Stockholm area recorded 43 mm, the Langenburg and Kamsack areas 32 mm, the Jedburgh area 8 mm and the Dysart area 4 mm.

Some producers are looking at alternative seeding methods such as broadcast and harrow. Crop reporters are indicating severe flooding in areas, with damaged roads and culverts, and flooded farm yards. Some crop reporters have indicated they can get out onto the fields to pick rocks, control weeds and run a harrow through to try to dry out the land. Some producers have yet to start seeding. Strong winds helped to dry out the fields somewhat. Field access is an issue in some areas on the eastern side of the region due to washed out or flooded roads. In some areas, large sections of land are not expected to be seeded this year.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 43 per cent surplus and 57 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 32 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Many pastures and fields are flooded or inaccessible due to washed out roads. The RMs are busy fixing roads.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

## West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Producers in the region made significant seeding progress this week, and now have 30 per cent of the crop in the ground. Sixty per cent of the field peas, 31 per cent of the lentils and spring wheat, 33 per cent of the canola, 25 per cent of the durum and 14 per cent of the barley have been seeded. The majority of the area received very little rain for the week. The RMs are busy fixing and maintaining roads, many of which are washed out or soft. Producers are keeping tow ropes and four-wheel-drive tractors close by to pull out seeding equipment. Some areas are still too wet to support equipment. The warm and windy weather over the past few days has helped dry out the land, although the high wind has halted weed control operations. Early seeded crops are starting to emerge.

West-central Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
6B	21
7A	26
7B	45
Region average	30
five-year average (2006-2010)	47

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 31 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 17 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate and eight per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

## Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Fourteen per cent of the crop has been seeded in the northeast, thanks to the warm and windy conditions. Twenty-five per cent of the field peas, 20 per cent of the spring wheat, 10 per cent of the canola and seven per cent of the oats have been seeded. The majority of producers were able to start seeding this week and most are able to get into the fields to do pre-seeding field work or seed. Fields are still very soft and many producers are getting stuck. Crop reporters are indicating some producers have 40 per cent of their crops seeded. Field access is still a concern as roads are flooded or very soft in some areas. Some pastures are flooded or inaccessible.

Northeastern Saskatchewan	
Crop District	% Seeded (May 16, 2011)
8A	10
8B	17
9AE	14
Region average	14
five-year average (2006-2010)	29

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 34 per cent surplus and 66 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 29 per cent surplus and 71 per cent adequate.

Farmers are seeding, controlling weeds, calving and taking cattle to pasture.

## **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

With no rain to slow seeding operations, producers in the region made significant progress over last week, and 41 per cent of the 2011 crop is now seeded. Seventy-five per cent of the field peas, 51 per cent of the spring wheat, 38 per cent of the canola, 16 per cent of the barley and eight per cent of the oats have been seeded. Some producers are expecting to finish seeding by the weekend. Seeding does not come without its challenges, however, as areas in fields are still quite wet and producers are getting stuck often. Strong winds have delayed weed control operations, but at the same time have helped to dry out the fields. Field access is challenging as roads are soft and impassable in some areas.

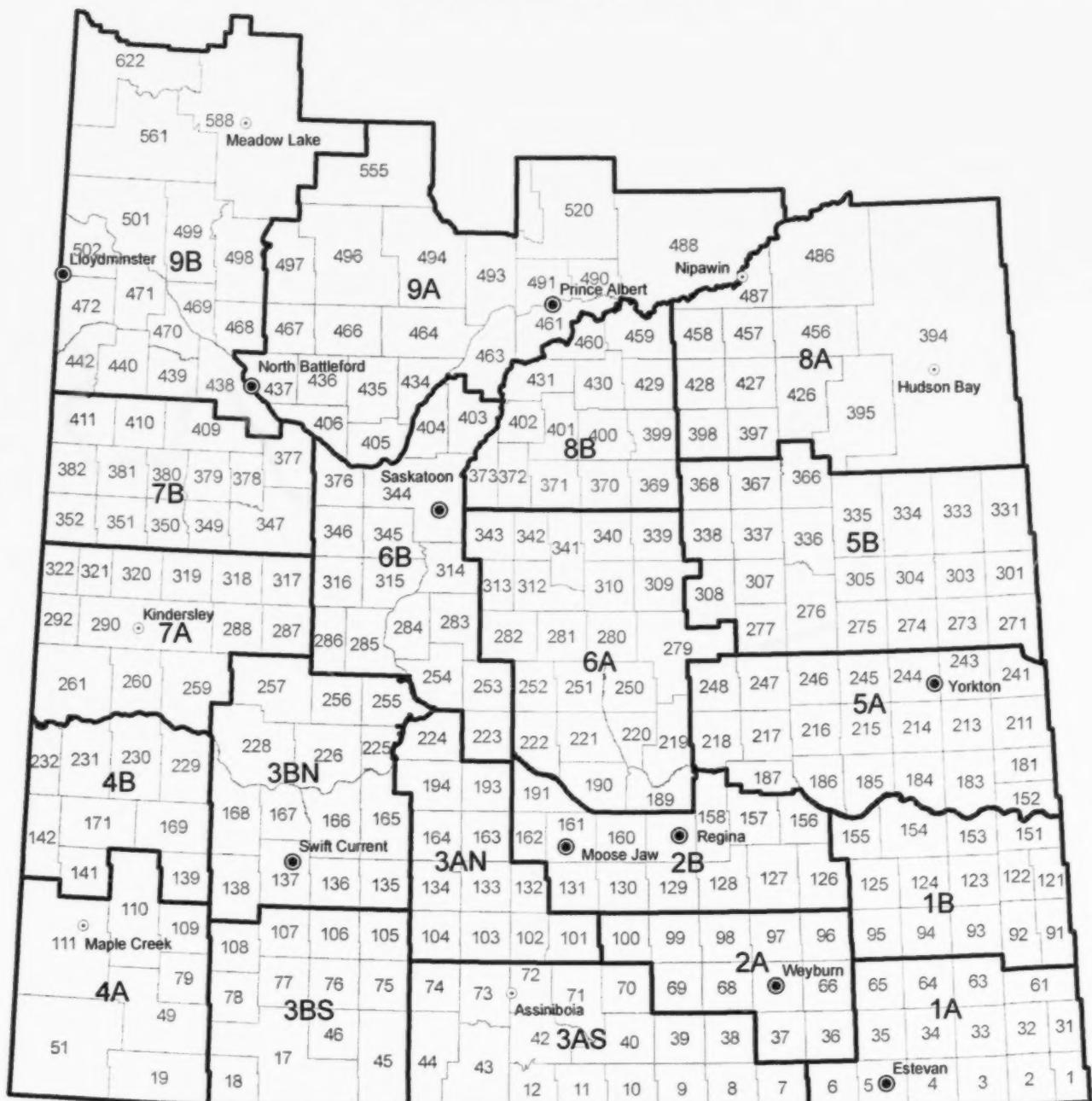
<b>Northwestern Saskatchewan</b>	
<b>Crop District</b>	<b>% Seeded (May 16, 2011)</b>
9AW	37
9B	45
<b>Region average</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>five-year average (2006-2010)</b>	<b>39</b>

Cropland top soil moisture is reported as six per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and 17 per cent short.

Pastures have been slow to green up, and many livestock producers are still feeding in the yard.

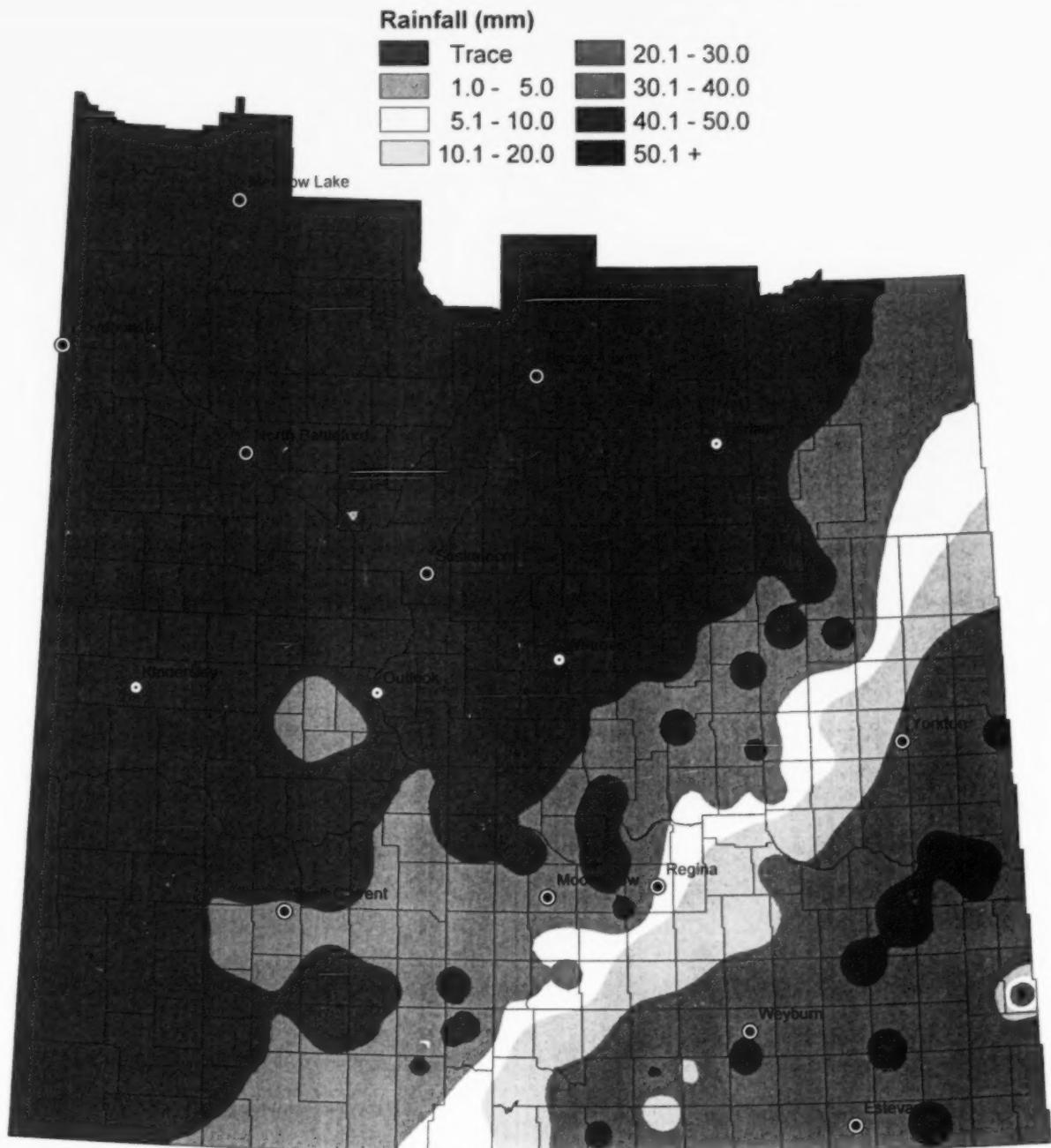
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# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



# Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending May 16, 2011



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# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 10 to 16, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A	4A	49	White Valley	N/A	49	7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	14
	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	58	49 A	White Valley	NIL	49		347 B	Biggar	N/A	3	
	3	Enniskillen	42	100	51	Reno	0 5	42		350 A	Marsossa	NIL	8	
	33	Moose Creek	23.5	96	79	Arlington	N/A	34		350 B	Marsossa	NIL	26	
	34	Browning	39	128	109	Carmichael	NIL	77		351	Progress	N/A	15	
	61	Antler	31	71	110	Piopol	NIL	22		352	Hearts Hill	NIL	15	
	63	Moose Mountain	23	99	111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A		377	Olenide	NIL	12	
	64	Brock	43	116	4B	Gull Lake	NIL	34		378 A	Rosemount	NIL	21	
	65	Tecumseh	N/A	59	141	Big Stick	NIL	40		378 B	Rosemount	NIL	16	
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	85	142	Enterprise	NIL	43		379	Ranford	NIL	20	
	92	Walpole	30	142	169	Pitfalls	N/A	17		380	Tramping Lake	NIL	10	
	95	Golden West	45	136	171	Fox Valley	NIL	8		381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A	
	122	Martin	35	165	229	Min Creek	N/A	N/A		409 A	Buffalo	NIL	11	
	123	Silverwood	33	121	231	Happyland	NIL	13		409 B	Buffalo	NIL	24	
	124 A	Kingsley	42	128	5A	Fertile Belt	43	150		410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL	
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A	186	Abemethy	16	38		411	Senias	N/A	15	
	125	Chester	N/A	66	211	Churchbridge	32	91	BA	395	Percequipe	N/A	17	
	151 A	Rocanville	50	103	213	Salcoats	30	79		397	Banner Valley	NIL	29	
	151 B	Rocanville	35	111	216	Tullymet	3	15		428	Star City	NIL	18	
	153	Willowdale	50	134	217	Lipton	4	12		458	Arborfield	NIL	20	
	154	Elcape	43	106	241	Calder	43	87		457	Connaught	NIL	26	
	155	Wolseley	33	96	243	Wallace	N/A	45		458	Willow Creek	NIL	24	
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	106	245 A	Garry	12	30		486	Moss Range	NIL	25	
	67	Weyburn	49	108	245 B	Garry	8	28		487	Nipawin	NIL	23	
	68	Birkenshaw	33	123	246	Ihuna Bon Accord	N/A	2	BB	389	St. Peter	NIL	7	
	69	Norton	28	76	247	Kelross	NIL	27		370	Humboldt	NIL	7	
	97	Wellington	22	75	248	Touchwood	NIL	15		371 A	Bayne	NIL	14	
2B	127 A	Francis	20	65	5B	Cote	32	54		371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A	
	127 B	Francis	11	27	276	Foam Lake	N/A	42		372	Grant	N/A	23	
	129	Bratt's Lake	16	46	277	Emerald	NIL	31		482	Fish Creek	NIL	22	
	156	Indian Head	25	49	305	Invermay	NIL	25		429	Flet's Springs	NIL	27	
	160 A	Pense	N/A	18	307	Elfros	N/A	34		430	Invergorden	N/A	N/A	
	160 B	Pense	NIL	29	308	Big Quill	NIL	2		431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A	
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	14	333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL		459	Kastino	NIL	32	
	191	Marquis	NIL	8	333 B	Clayton	N/A	14		480	Birch Hills	NIL	18	
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A	334	Praceeville	N/A	12	BAE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	29	
	38 A	Lauter	28	92	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	24		488 A	Torch River	NIL	3	
	38 B	Lauter	13	75	336	Sasmen	NIL	25		488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL	
	39 A	The Gap	15	74	337	Lakeview	NIL	24		491	Buckland	NIL	41	
	39 B	The Gap	42	107	338	Lakeside	NIL	7	DAW	406	Mayfield	NIL	4	
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	44	87	366	Kelvington	NIL	24		435	Redberry	N/A	2	
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A	189	Lumsden	NIL	31		436	Douglas	NIL	8	
	12	Poplar Valley	15	26	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	18		463	Duck Lake	NIL	22	
	40	Bengough	28	104	190 B	Dufferin	1	12		484	Lesask	N/A	17	
	42	Willow Bunch	11	44	190 C	Dufferin	NIL	16		487 A	Round Hill	NIL	16	
	43	Old Post	5	35	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	N/A		487 B	Round Hill	NIL	23	
	44	Waverley	NIL	25	219	Longlaketon	NIL	10		494	Canwood	N/A	48	
	70	Key West	N/A	N/A	220	McKillop	NIL	10		498	Sprywood	NIL	48	
	71	Excel	20	34	221	Sarma	N/A	9		497	Medstead	N/A	23	
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	NIL	222	Craik	NIL	19	BB	438	Battle River	NIL	13	
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	45	251	Big Arm	NIL	8		440	Hillsdale	N/A	7	
	74	Wood River	5.5	41	252	Arm River	NIL	13		442	Manitou Lake	NIL	14	
3AN	101	Tarrel	4	46	279	Mount Hope	N/A	8		468 A	Meota	NIL	12	
	102	Lake Johnston	3.8	38	280	Wreford	NIL	2		488 B	Meota	N/A	8	
	103	Sulton	NIL	37	282	McCraney	NIL	13		488 C	Meota	NIL	20	
	133	Rodgers	N/A	N/A	309	Prairie Rose	NIL	9		498 A	Parkdale	NIL	13	
	134	Shamrock	N/A	N/A	313	Lost River	N/A	13		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	4	
	154	Chaplin	N/A	18	339	Leroy	NIL	11		499	Marvin	NIL	21	
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	25	340	Wolverine	NIL	3		501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	32	
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	22	341	Viscount	N/A	N/A		501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	15	
	194	Enfield	N/A	13	343	Blucher	NIL	14		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	27	
3BS	17	Val Marie	4	62	6B	Rosedale	NIL	6		561	Leon Lake	NIL	12	
	18	Lone Tree	NIL	36	284	Rudy	NIL	8		588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	13	
	45	Mankota	N/A	38	285	Fertile Valley	NIL	21		588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	18	
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	41	286	Milden	4	45		588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	13	
	75 B	Pinto Creek	2	12	314	Dundum	NIL	14		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	NB	
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	30	344	Cormen Park	NIL	10		622	Beaver River	NIL	22	
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	69	346	Perdue	NIL	11						
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	70	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	14						
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	65	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	13						
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	50	403	Rostham	NIL	19						
	105	Glenbain	NIL	38	260 A	Newcombe	NIL	20						
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	58	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	18						
	107	Lac Pelleter	N/A	42	261	Chesterfield	N/A	8						
	108	Bone Creek	NIL	99	317 A	Marmott	N/A	15						
	138	Webb	5	57	317 B	Marmott	NIL	15						
	166	Excelsior	NIL	24	318 A	Pleasant Valley	N/A	4						
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	32	318 B	Mountain View	NIL	10						
	168	Riverside	NIL	45	320 A	Marmott	NIL	22						
	225	Victory	NIL	26	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	18						
	228	Lacadena	NIL	9	321	Prainedale	NIL	26						
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A										
	257	Monet	NIL	27										

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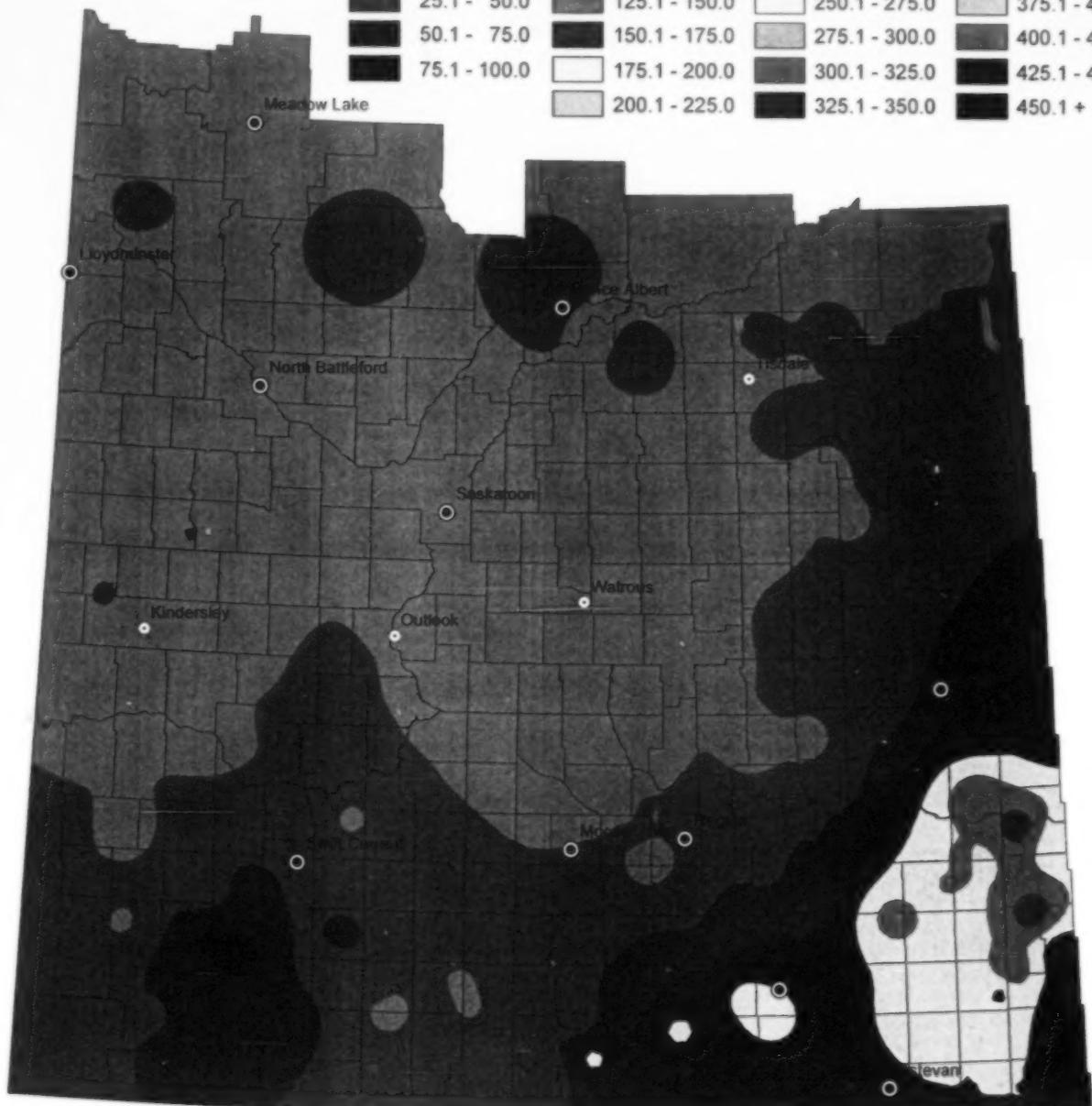
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# Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011

To: May 16, 2011

## Rainfall (mm)



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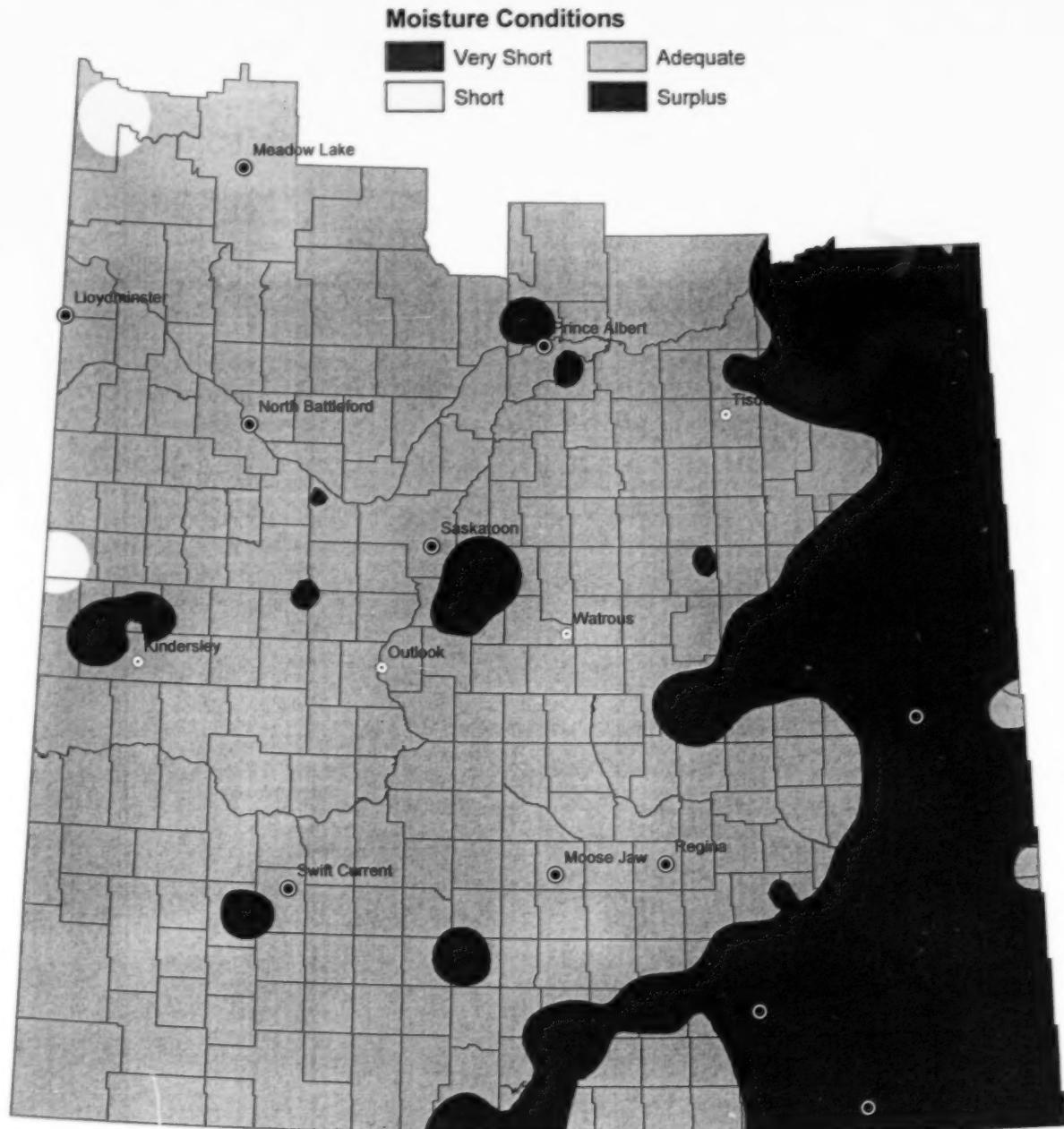


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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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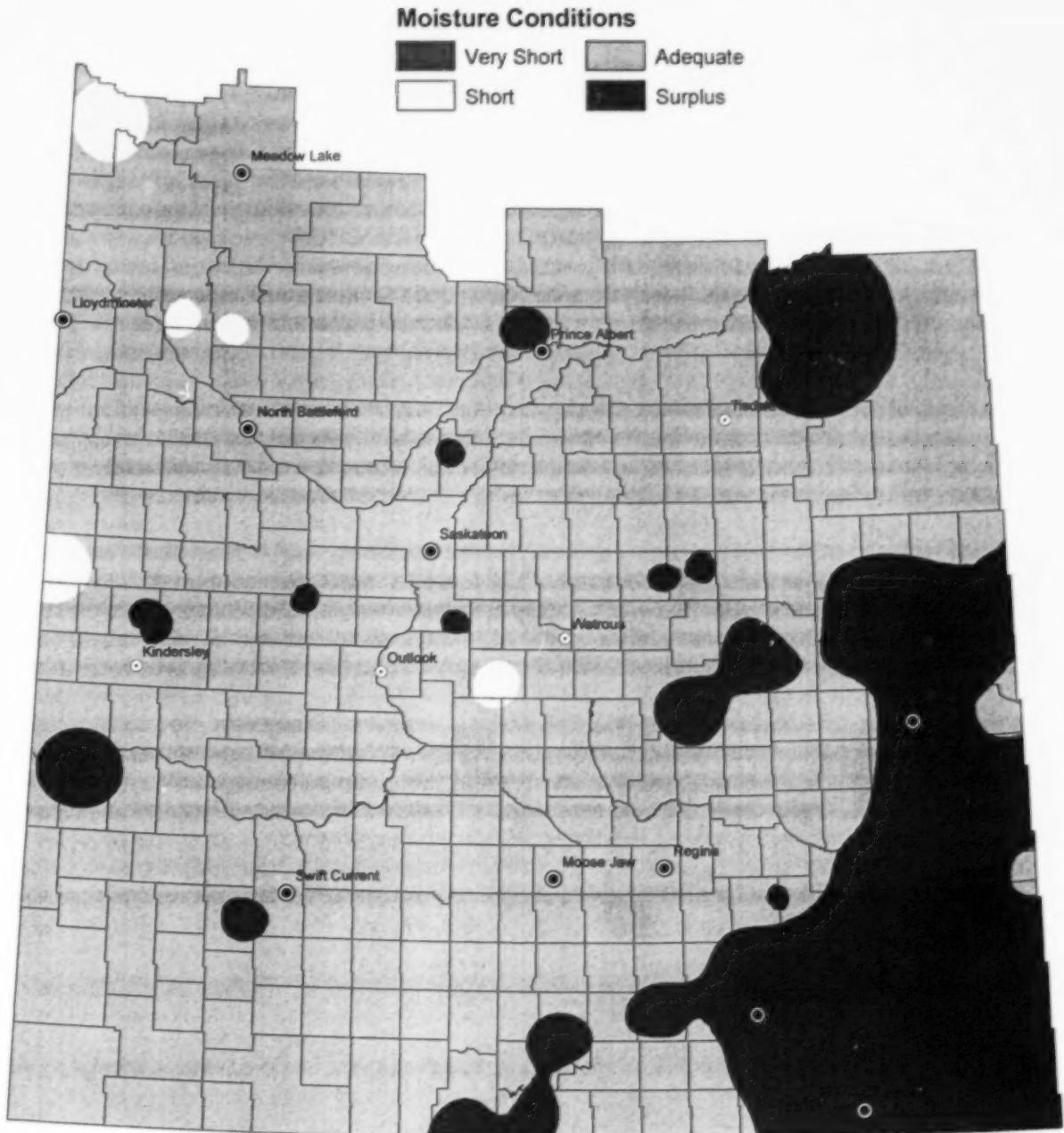
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# Hay and Pasture Topsil Moisture Conditions

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